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Congressman Dent pays honor to late Nazareth grad  
Derek Ryan Kehoe

*Derek's alma mater commemorates him tonight, raises awareness  
for cancer that took his life*

WASHINGTON, D.C. — U.S. Rep. Charlie Dent (PA-15) today read remarks into the Congressional record commemorating the life of Derek Ryan Kehoe, a 2005 Nazareth High School graduate and Albright College student who recently lost his battle with cancer. Nazareth High School honors Derek tonight at half-time of a basketball game, honoring his brilliant career on the school's team and helping raise awareness and funds to fight the deadly disease that cut short a promising life.

Congressman Dent read these remarks:

“Mr. Speaker, I rise today to speak of a courageous young man from my District, and of his friends, family and supporters who are trying to use his untimely demise to help make the world a better place.

“Derek Ryan Kehoe graduated from Nazareth High School in 2005 (in Nazareth, PA) and was a star player on the school's basketball team, a team he led to the District 11 Tournament in 2005. He was a freshman at Albright College when, in April of 2006, he discovered a lump on his back. The lump turned out to be leiomyosarcoma (LMS), a rare and deadly form of cancer. LMS currently has no cure, and though Derek was a strong, healthy

nineteen-year old, the disease overcame him, and he passed on October 28, 2006.

“Throughout his illness, Derek was cheerful and encouraging, more concerned with the feelings of those who came to see him than with his own condition. On January 5, 2007, Derek’s life will be commemorated at the halftime of the Nazareth High-Northampton High boys’ basketball game. A full house is expected, and 150 of Derek’s classmates are returning for the event. All proceeds from the game will be earmarked to fight this dreaded disease of LMS that took Derek away from us way too soon.

“I want to extend my condolences to Derek’s parents, Maureen Kehoe and Kevin Kehoe. I also want to express my support for all the people who have put together this event, including the Kehoes, the administration of Nazareth Area High School, and the Nazareth High Booster Club. I also want to convey a special word of thanks to Nazareth basketball coach Joe Arndt, who loved Derek as he would a son, and who played a key role in making this event a reality.

“Mr. Speaker, I ask that a copy of these words be inserted into the Congressional Record this 4th day of January, 2007, as part of the effort to commemorate, for all time, the life of Derek Ryan Kehoe.”

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